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## BACKGROUND, EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

Magali Suárez Candler is the founder of Suárez Candler Law, PLLC. She is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and in her 31<sup>st</sup> year of legal practice.

At Catholic Charities' immigration program in Houston, she was staff, then supervising, attorney for over 10 years. She then headed litigation and was a partner at Tindall & Foster then at FosterQuan (now Foster, LLP), before opening her own firm in 2014. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), served on the TSC and EOIR national liaison committees, and is immediate past Chair of the Lawyer Well-Being Committee. A former Chair of the Texas Chapter of AILA, she held other offices and was liaison for the Asylum Office and the Houston EOIR, and is now Advocacy Co-Captain and Federal Litigation Liaison. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT), served on their Committee for Laws Relating to Immigration and Nationality, and was V.P. for Asylum and Refugee Issues and later V.P. for Deportation and Removal for the Immigration Law Section. She currently serves on the SBOT Commission for Lawyer Discipline. In 1999 the SBOT awarded her the J. Chrys Dougherty Legal Services Award for outstanding contributions guaranteeing indigents access to the legal system. She served on the Houston Bar Association (HBA) Gender Fairness Committee, was on the Advisory Board of the Tahirih Justice Center in Houston, Texas from its inception through 2018, and is currently on the Advisory Board of the UH Law Center's Immigration Law Clinic.

Ms. Candler represents companies and individuals in employment-based and family-based immigration, advises criminal defense counsel and individuals on the immigration consequences of crimes, focuses on removal defense and worksite enforcement, and often serves as an expert. She is a frequent presenter, most recently for Houston AILA (Aug. and Sept. 2021), the State Bar of Texas' 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Bar College Summer School (July 2021) and the University of Texas (UT) 2020 Immigration Law Conference. Her articles include: "Worksite Enforcement in the ICE Age" (2007) for UT; "Are We Safer Yet? The Effects of Recent Immigration Legislation," (2005) for the Hispanic National Bar Association; "One-Step Marriage Based Cases" (2013 through 2021), "Desperately Seeking to Keep My Family" (2015), "False Claims to Citizenship and Voting" (2015), "Ethical Considerations in Dealing with Difficult Judges" (2016), "Attracting the Best Employees" (2017), "Issues in False Claims to Citizenship" (2018), and "What Every Practitioner Should Know about Inadmissibility and Deportability" (2018 through 2021) for AILA National; "VAWA, the 'Best Revenge' for the Immigrant Victim of Domestic Violence" and "Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the 'T' Visa," (various updates), as well as an Ethics presentation (2006), Mock Removal Hearing with Analysis (2004, 2010, 2011), and presentations on the Immigration Consequences of Crimes (2011), Unlawful Presence (2012), Immigration Consequences of Crimes (2014), Humanitarian Relief (2015), Developments in Removal Defense (2019), and Hot Topics in Immigration Law Under the New Administration (2021) for the SBOT. She mentors immigration attorneys, including pro bono attorneys, and is admitted to practice in Texas, at the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (Fifth and Eleventh Circuits) and the Supreme Court of the United States, where she was co-counsel on a winning case in 2012 (*Umer v. Holder*). Ms. Candler received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center in 1989 and was licensed in 1989.